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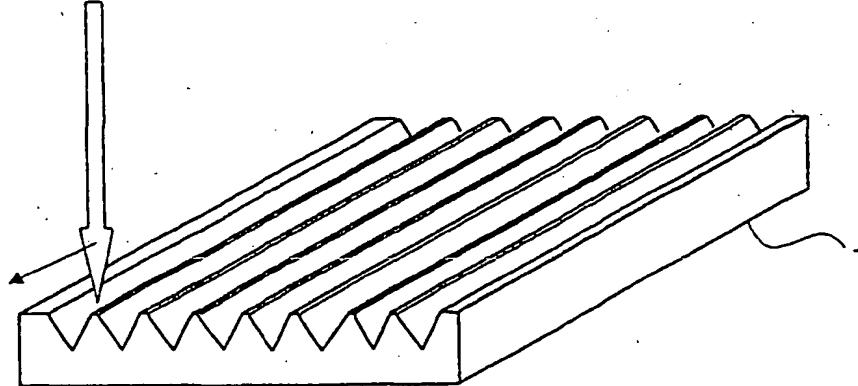
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(57) Abstract: A multicore fiber array for optical communication having a high dimensional accuracy, easily manufactured at a low cost, and capable of reducing the use amount of adhesive agent when optical fibers are fixed to a base material, comprising the base material for inserting the optical fibers therein and a retaining plate for pressingly fixing the inserted optical fibers, characterized in that the base material comprises a plurality of grooves for inserting the optical fibers therein, the accuracy of the center-to-center distances between the adjacent insert holes is within $\pm 0.5 \mu\text{m}$, and a parallelism between the adjacent insert holes in groove longitudinal direction is within $\pm 0.1^\circ$.

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